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RESOLUTION NO. 425-06

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A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT TASK FORCE'S
RECOMMENDATION THAT THE FREEZE IN
THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND AND THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE ASSISTANCE
FUND END WITHIN THE NEXT STATE
BIENNIAL BUDGET, AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Task Force recommended that future LGF and LGRAF distributions be based on the growth of the entire General Fund Revenues of the state, not pegged to specific tax yields, as had been the case in the past. They also recommended that the base for those calculations, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2007, be the freeze level plus 3%. Growth following that base year would parallel state revenue growth; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force recommended that there be a four-year "hold-harmless" for state to county distributions to protect those counties that have experienced growth rates below the state average during the six years of state freezes on these funds. This would help some large metro counties and low-growth small and medium counties weather the transition from freeze to the new formula without glaring ill-effects; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That this Council hereby supports the Local Government Task Force's recommendation that the freeze in the local government fund and the local government revenue assistance fund end within the next state biennial budget.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council be, and he hereby is, directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to State Senator Dale Miller and State Representative Timothy DeGeeter.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary due to upcoming hearings, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH
THE MAYOR: _____

MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO